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RE: PHILIP MORRIS INCORPORATED
- Australian Patent Application No. 41190/78
Your Ref: PM 706

Dear Sirs,

We have now received an official report upon this application and we enclose that report for your information.

Our comments on the objections raised are as follows:-

1. No comment necessary.
2. We suggest amending "cross-sectional size and shape" to "circumferential size".
3. It would appear that claim 11 should refer to "A filter element for a cigarette, ..." to avoid this inconsistency. Claims 12, 13, 16 & 18 would also require amendment.
4. A consistency statement defining claim 14 may be inserted in the description.
5. The citations are enclosed and your comments thereon are requested.

We shall be pleased to receive your early instructions for reply.

The normal time for obtaining acceptance will expire on 13 August 1982. This may be extended, by appropriate applications for extension and payment of the Government extension fees, until May 13, 1983. However, further extensions beyond this last mentioned date are now impossible in the light of a recent decision. In the absence of instructions to the contrary we shall maintain the application in a "pending" condition during the extension period if you cannot provide us with instruction for reply before the normal expiry date. However, we do recommend early attention to this matter to avoid the additional charges which will be incurred once we get into the extension period.

Yours faithfully,
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